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"(g) There are a few vacancies in the Medical Department and they will be filled up shortly as soon as candidates are available.

"(h) None of the hospitals sanctioned to be in charge of Civil or Sub-Assistant Surgeons is without medical personnel at present. There is no information as to whether any of the existing medical institutions is understaffed."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I ask the Hon. Minister for Public Health whether he would ask the Public Service Commission to expedite their recommendations, as a number of demobilized medical men have been waiting to be absorbed in the medical service?"

THE HON SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"The orders of Government fixing the proportion of candidates to be recruited from the war service personnel and other people were issued only a few days ago. So, the selection is expected to be published soon."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"May I know whether any I.N.A. men have been recruited to these jobs?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"No information, Sir."

DR. SIR A. LAKSHMANASAMI MUDALIYAR :—"May I suggest to the Government that as it is the first time after fifteen or sixteen years that they are recruiting permanently to the medical services, they might consider the conditions under which recruitment should be made, keeping in view the recommendations of the Bhore Committee and the method in which that committee has suggested recruitment should be made to the teaching staff, to the honorary services and the various other posts? Also may I suggest the appointment of a Committee for considering all these aspects of the matter and then coming to a final decision, before recruiting these people on a permanent basis?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"The suggestion will be considered, Sir."

Maternity and Child-welfare Centres in the Province.

* 176 Q.—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of maternity and child-welfare centres run in the Province (districtwar);

(b) the amount of grants made from Provincial funds and the rules governing such grants;

(c) whether the Government have under consideration any programme for increasing the number of maternity and child-welfare centres, and if so, what the programme is;

(d) whether private bodies such as Red Cross Society and other associations are also assisted to run these centres;

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(e) what is the nature of help given to these private bodies; and

(f) whether the Government have under consideration proposals to co-ordinate the work of all organizations to obtain maximum results?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The following statement will show it :—

Districts.	Number.	Districts.	Number.
Anantapur	6	Madura	15
Bellary	4	Malabar	10
Chingleput	23	The Nilgiris	6
Health Unit (Government)	4	North Arcot	11
Chittoor	5	Ramnad	7
Coimbatore	24	Salem	28
Cuddapah	3	South Arcot	13
Godavari, East	9	South Kanara	19
Godavari, West	14	Tanjore	21
Guntur	8	Tinnevelly	14
Kistna	14	Trichinopoly	9
Kurnool	1	Vizagapatam	7
Madras City	21		
		Total	291

" (b) The following amounts of grants were made from Provincial funds during the past five years :—

Year.	Amount of grants.
	RS.
1941–42	84,031
1942–43	98,427
1943–44	1,04,150
1944–45	1,22,797
1945–46	1,49,160
1946–47	1,99,200 (Budget Estimate 1947–48).

" A grant equivalent to one-fourth of the actual expenditure incurred by the local bodies on maternity and child-welfare work during the previous year is given.

" (c) Yes. Under the Post-War Scheme No. 92 it is proposed to open one hundred and fifty primary health centres in the first five-year period. Each primary centre will have a staff of one Health Visitor, two midwives and a maternity home of four beds. There will be a Woman Medical Officer (Maternity and Child-welfare) for maternity and child-welfare work in connexion with ten such centres, Post-War Scheme No. 37 provides for the training of 100 Health Visitors in each of the first five post-war years. Government proposes also to lower the qualifications of candidates for appointment as Health Visitors and provide for their training on a linguistic basis. In 1947–48 three centres for the training of Health Visitors—one at Guntur for 25 Telugu candidates, one at Madura for 25 Tamil candidates and the third at Madras for 50 candidates of all linguistic groups—are proposed to be opened.

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Government have also decided to increase the existing maintenance grant for maternity and child-welfare centres run by local bodies from 25 per cent to 50 per cent of the expenditure incurred, in the case of local bodies which cannot meet three-fourths of the cost from their own funds.

" (*d*) Yes.

" (*e*) The information is furnished below :—

Name of the private body.	Amount of grant.	By whom given.
	Rs.	
Red Cross Society M. & C.W. Centre ..	200	District Board, Nellore.
St. Mary's Convent Creche, Nellore ..	1,300	Government.
Indian Red Cross Society Voluntary Health Centre, Cocanada.	100	Municipal Council, Cocanada.
Mettur Township Committee	87	Government (1944–45).
Do.	253	Do. (1945–46).
Saidapet Health Association	250	Municipal Council, Saidapet.
Baby Welcome Home, Trichinopoly ..	300	Municipal Council, Trichinopoly.
Tuticorin Ladies' Association M. & C.W. Centre.	1,200	Municipal Council, Tuticorin.
St. Anne's Ayyampet Child Welfare Centre.	200	District Board, Tanjore.
Servants of India Society, Puduponnani.	328	Government.

" (*f*) The question is not clear. If the question is whether the Government will give grants to all approved private institutions for running the centres, the answer is 'Yes'. No one can possibly object to co-ordination in principle."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister for Public Health whether the post-war period has begun in respect of this scheme, or is it yet to begin? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It has begun, Sir." (Laughter.)

Improvement of the Stanley Hospital, Rayapuram.

* 177 *Q.*—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have received any comprehensive programme for the improvement of the Stanley Hospital to make it fit to be recognized as a collegiate institution ; if so, what part of the scheme is to be taken up in 1947–48 ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Stanley Hospital cannot expand without acquiring the site of the Monegar Choultry;

(*c*) whether any scheme is under consideration of the Government for housing chronic invalids of the Stanley Hospital by utilizing the Monegar Choultry as the neucleus of the scheme ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that if the site of the old Monegar Choultry is alienated to the Stanley Hospital, it is proposed that